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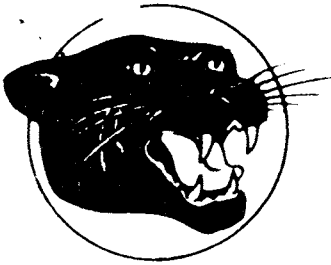
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (Oct. 8, 1985)-- This is the time of year when teams look in the mirror and take a good hard look at themselves. The all-important conference season is just around the corner...it's "gut-check" time. Lay-off the pasta.

The Eastern Illinois volleyball squad has 10 days to ponder its Gateway Conference lid-lifter at Drake (Oct. 18). The Panthers--12-8 overall--snapped a six-match losing skein by defeating Valparaiso last Saturday night. EIU's hiatus comes at an opportune time according to Lady Panther mentor Betty Ralston.

"I think we can use the rest from game-situations so we can refine some aspects of our game," explains Ralston. "This is the time of year when we can put some new kinks into our attack. It will also give me an opportunity to closely evaluate my personnel and determine who will see a lot of action on the court. Everybody works toward qualifying for the league tournament.

"We've had our ups and downs this season. I think we will be on an up-swing for conference. We play Butler before we go to Iowa...that should be a good test for us." (EIU hosts Butler on Oct. 16)

Eastern's most consistent player to date has been senior JUDY PLANOS (Evanston). The 5-foot-10 outside hitter is hitting a respectable .257. Her 37 aces lead the team and she is second in kills with 192.

"Judy has played like I know she is capable of playing," states Ralston. "She has shown a lot of leadership and enthusiasm during the matches. I think the younger players really look up to her for guidance."

Junior all-conference performer MAURA LeFEVOUR (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) isn't racking up the numbers she did a year ago. Nevertheless, the middle hitter is second on the team in hitting with a .228 average. LeFevour leads the Lady Panthers

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in block soles (18) and is second in block assists (38).

"Maura is catching people off guard like she did last season," explains EIU's third-year head coach. "Our opponents are concentrating more on Maura because they know what she has done in the past. This leaves other areas we should be able to exploit against the teams that play us. I'm confident Maura's numbers will improve."

Outside hitter DIANE EISERMAN (Libertyville) paces Eastern in a couple of offensive categories. The hard-hitting sophomore has a team-leading 208 kills and 502 attempts. Her 31 service aces are second-best on the squad.

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (Oct. 8, 1985)--The setter is to volleyball what the point guard is to basketball and what the quarterback is to the gridiron. A field general of sorts. A no-nonsense type of person who is willing to go the extra yard to get the job done. As the setter goes...so goes the team.

That's the way the season has been going for Eastern Illinois setter JEANNE PACIONE (Mt. Prospect/Wheeling). The 5-foot-7 sophomore was converted from middle blocker during the USVBA spring season by EIU head coach Betty Ralston.

"I needed a setter after last season," admits Ralston. "After evaluating everybody on my team, I decided that Jeanne was best suited for the spot. I'm fairly pleased with the progress she has been making. However, she needs to be smarter out on the court. Jeanne needs to make decisions quicker...the college game is totally different than the high school game. She has the knowledge...she just needs to apply it."

Pacione echoes Ralston's thoughts. "I need to be smarter on the court. I have to learn to think the entire match...instead of only during certain parts of it."

The Lady Panthers started out the season 11-2 and the personable Pacione was one of the main reasons for the surprising start. She was diving all over the court for loose balls. Aggressive may be her middle name.

"One of Jeanne's biggest strengths is her aggressiveness," Ralston comments. "The setter's style usually reflects the style of the team. If a setter is scrappy, so is the team. At times she lights a fire under her teammates."

Pacione has dished off 539 assists during the campaign. She is among the Gateway Conference leaders in that category. The special education major also is hitting a respectable .226 and has notched 31 block assists.

"I love being the setter," Pacione admits with an aura of confidence. "I love the challenge and the idea of being the person who makes the offense run. I think it's great."

1985 EASTERN ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

(12-8)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Scores</u>
9/5	LSU#	W	15-11, 15-13, 15-13,
9/6	Clemson#	W	15-4, 15-4, 15-5
9/6	UAB#	W	15-8, 15-11, 12-15, 15-9
9/6	Memphis St.#	W	15-4, 7-15, 13-15, 15-4, 16-14
9/7	Ill.-Chicago#	L	15-3, 12-15, 7-15, 10-15
9/11	at Evansville	W	15-11, 16-14, 15-7
9/13	Tulsa\$	W	15-10, 15-9, 13-15, 15-12
9/13	St. Louis\$	W	15-8, 15-13, 15-5
9/14	Quincy\$	W	15-11, 15-7, 15-13
9/14	Arkansas St.\$	W	15-0, 15-9, 15-10
9/17	at Illinois	L	7-15, 9-15, 5-15
9/19	at Indiana State	W	15-3, 8-15, 15-10, 8-15, 15-12
9/21	DePaul	W	15-11, 6-15, 15-8, 16-14
9/24	at Ill.-Chicago	L	15-7, 13-15, 15-6, 10-15, 8-15
9/27	Bradley	L	5-15, 15-17, 10-15
9/28	DePaul	L	4-15, 11-15, 15-9, 4-15
9/28	Mississippi	L	15-8, 13-15, 15-7, 11-15, 11-15
9/28	Ball State	L	15-13, 13-15, 0-15, 9-15
10/1	Illinois	L	7-15, 6-15, 9-15
10/5	at Valparaiso	W	15-4, 15-12, 4-15, 13-15, 15-8

Lady Tiger Classic, Memphis, TN (2nd Place)

\$ St. Louis Invitational, St. Louis, MO (1st Place)

1985 EASTERN ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS: 12-8 overall, 0-0 Gateway (Home: 1-1, Away: 5-3, Neutral: 6-4)

NAME	G	K	E	TA	PCT	SA	BS	BA	DG	AS	RE	BE	SE
Judy Planos, Sr., OH	76	192	74	459	.257	37	8	5	111	8	31	2	16
Maura LeFevour, Jr., MH	73	129	62	294	.228	9	18	38	76	35	12	10	12
Jeanne Pacione, So., S	68	73	33	177	.226	13	9	32	90	539	1	1	11
Misty Buckhold, Sr., OH	75	124	59	314	.207	8	9	36	125	4	23	7	7
Diane Eiserman, So., OH	74	208	106	502	.202	31	4	13	158	19	25	3	35
Lori Berger, Sr., MH	70	103	56	310	.152	29	11	40	75	22	38	12	31
Gianna Galanti, Fr., MH	44	57	28	151	.192	7	7	17	36	2	12	2	15
LeAnn Thomas, Fr., S	28	4	1	19	.158	2	0	0	24	78	0	0	2
Gina Knoke, Fr., MH	29	13	14	55	-.018	0	3	2	27	6	2	0	7
Pandora Nelis, So., DS	58	1	2	5	-.200	9	0	0	65	7	15	0	4
Diane Lessner, Fr., S	4	0	3	5	-.600	1	0	0	8	0	2	0	1

EIU TEAM TOTALS: 76 904 433 2308 .204 146 69 182 792 801 155 37 141

EIU TEAM AVERAGES: 11.9 kills, 1.9 aces, 2.0 total blocks, 10.4 digs and 10.5 assists per game

SEASON MARKS:

TEAM

MOST KILLS: 64 vs Memphis State
 MOST ERRORS: 38 vs DePaul
 MOST ATTEMPTS: 170 vs DePaul
 BEST PCT.: .466 vs Arkansas State
 MOST SERVICE ACES: 13 vs Mississippi
 MOST BLOCK SOLOS: 8 vs DePaul
 MOST BLOCK ASSISTS: 18 vs Memphis State
 18 vs Indiana State
 MOST RECEPTION ERRORS: 13 vs Memphis State
 MOST BLOCKING ERRORS: 4 vs Indiana State
 4 vs DePaul
 MOST SERVICE ERRORS: 12 vs LSU
 12 vs DePaul

INDIVIDUAL

MOST KILLS: 17 Judy Planos vs Ill.-Chicago
 17 Diane Eiserman vs St. Louis
 MOST ATTEMPTS: 42 Judy Planos vs Ill.-Chicago
 BEST PCT.: (Min. 10 attempts) .696 Diane Eiserman vs
 St. Louis
 MOST SERVICE ACES: 6 Judy Planos vs Mississippi
 MOST BLOCK SOLOS: 3 Maura LeFevour vs St. Louis
 3 Maura LeFevour vs Illinois
 3 Gianna Galanti vs Indiana State
 MOST BLOCK ASSISTS: 6 Maura LeFevour vs St. Louis
 6 Lori Berger vs DePaul
 MOST DIGS: 19 Diane Eiserman vs Quincy
 MOST ASSISTS: 51 Jeanne Pacione vs Memphis State
 MOST RECEPTION ERRORS: 5 Lori Berger vs Memphis State
 MOST BLOCKING ERRORS: 2 by several errors
 MOST SERVICE ERRORS: 4 Lori Berger vs Ill.-Chicago